**MCPS Comprehensive K-12 Counseling Standards**

**Academic Development**

1. Students will acquire the knowledge and skills that contribute to effective life-long learning.
2. Students will graduate MCPS with the academic preparation essential to choose from a wide range of postsecondary options.
3. Students will understand the relationship of successful academics to the worlds of work, life, and community.

**Career Development**

1. Students will identify individual strengths and interests to make informed education and career decisions.
2. Students will acquire the knowledge and skills to explore career opportunities.
3. Students will develop strategies, personal qualities, and skills to successfully navigate the world of work.

**Personal/Social/Emotional Development**

1. Students will develop the skills to understand and respect self/others.
2. Students will identify and utilize processes to set and achieve goals, make responsible decisions, solve problems, and be safe.
3. Students will develop the knowledge and skills to understand the unique needs of a diverse community and become contributing members of our global society.